## Clarifications: FEMA Flood Map Changes in the Double Diamond area

The City has received a number of questions and comments regarding the recent "P11" levee deaccreditation in the Double Diamond area off of Double R Boulevard.

The following comments are to clarify certain facts surrounding this issue:

- 1. The City has an agreement with the Double Diamond Master's Association (DDRMA). If the DDRMA failed to perform maintenance to the channel, then the City could perform the channel maintenance and be entitled for reimbursement. The agreement does not address maintenance or improvements *to the levee*. The DDRMA's maintenance and operation agreement specifically defines what maintenance activities are required. Funds in the reserve account would be used to reimburse the City if it performs channel maintenance.
- 2. The engineering reports required by FEMA with regard to the levee-like structure is not the status report referred to in Double Diamond Ranch Master Association's maintenance and operation agreement relating to the maintenance of the channel.
- 3. Before FEMA will designate a levee system as a PAL system, the community or levee owner(s) must sign and return an agreement within 90 days stating that the levee system currently meets the requirements of 44 CFR 65.10 and that the data and documentation to prove that the levee meets these requirements will be provided within 24 months.

During the limited 90 day PAL offer of Summer 2007, the City did not receive information from parties seeking levee accreditation to demonstrate that the levee system met the requirements of 44 CFR 65.10 and therefore could not attest that the levee met these requirements.

- 4. FEMA is not requiring the levee be recertified or improved. The limited feasibility study performed for the City by Michael Baker Jr. Inc. provides a cost estimate for options for which there is a high level of certainty of acceptance and re-certification by FEMA. Lower cost options may exist, but it is unknown whether FEMA would accept these other options.
- 5. The levee encroaches on a small portion of City of Reno right of way.